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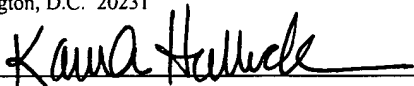
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In re application of:

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COATING COMPOSITIONS AND
METHODS FOR USING SAME

Art Unit: Unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the first paragraph after the title of the application with the following:

--This application is a continuation of, and claims the benefit of priority from application no. 09/159,276, filed September 22, 1998, based from 60/068,374, filed December 22, 1997, the full disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

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